THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) No. Sir. The Hon. Member is referred to the statement made by me on 16th July 1957, while moving the Demand for Education, that the report of the Legislature Committee would be placed in the House for discussion.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know when it will be implemented, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As soon as final decisions are taken; and final decisions would be taken after the Legislature had fully discussed the matter.

Sales tax on foodgrains

* 306 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount collected during the last five years by way of sales tax on foodgrains; and

(b) the percentage of this amount with the amount realised by the taxes on other items?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Figures of sales tax realised on foodgrains for the last three years only are available, and that too only in respect of dealers dealing exclusively in foodgrains. The figures are as follows :—

1954–55—Rs. 94,20,001.
1955–56—Rs. 60,75,958.
1956–57—Rs. 44,42,165.

Provision stores do not keep separate accounts for the value of each commodity sold by them. The above figures do not therefore include the sales tax realised on foodgrains sold by the provision stores, for which figures are not available. The figures for 1954–55 include the sales tax realised in the Malabar and the South Kanara districts and the Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district.

(b) The percentage cannot be worked out correctly as the figures furnished under clause (a) do not show the full amount of sales tax realised on foodgrains.

Censorship of letters, telegrams and tapping of telephone calls of the Praja Socialist Party.

* 307 Q.—SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have instructed the Police authorities to censor letters and telegrams to and from the members of the Praja Socialist Party and to tap telephone calls to and from the Provincial office of the Praja Socialist Party; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The Government regret that they have to decline to answer the question in the public interest.